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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**For: STAPLER AND CARTRIDGE**

**Commissioner for Patents  
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**Sir:**

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST  
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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